

**MINUTES OF THE
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology**

October 20, 2003

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology met on Monday, October 20, 2003 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Board meeting was called to order with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Yvonne McNeil, Chair
Kaye Williams Hill, Vice-Chair
Al DeChicchis, Ph.D.
Winn Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alan B. Whitehouse, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Beverly Cobb, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER –Yvonne McNeil, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion, DeChicchis, K. Hill seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion were McNeil and W. Hill. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Motion K. Hill, seconded DeChicchis, and motion carried, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2003 meeting as amended.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee Tracy reviewed the open meetings rules as they relate to the open and closed sections of the affidavit signed at each meeting by the Board President. Board requested to have a copy of the form. Copies will be sent to the Board Members in time for the November meeting. Copies of the procedures for rules changes will also be sent to the Board Members in time for the November meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair, Yvonne McNeil, reported on letter received from Secretary of State, Cathy Cox, regarding the budgetary challenges of the Office of the Secretary of State and the Governor's new process of budgeting called Prioritized Program Budgeting. The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board was ranked 20th on the list of the Professional Licensing Boards.

A position paper was received from the Audiology Foundation of America related to AUD student licensure. Specifically, AUD students ought not to be given licensure until they complete their training and degree.

Board requested that another letter be sent to the RN Board regarding the Board Attorney for RN's, Janet Jackson, to call the SLP/A Board Attorney, Janet Wray, to discuss the concern of OAE testing by registered nurses.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion of the Website was postponed to the November 24, 2003 Board Meeting.

Discussion of proposed changes in the expiration date postponed to the November 24, 2003 Board Meeting.

Board members requested that Board Secretary, Dena Kirkman, call Audio-Matrix Hearing Aid Specialist to inquire if they have an audiologist on staff and the audiologist's name.

Board requests from Kathleen O'Neal an estimate of how much cost is involved in setting up a list serve of all SLP/A licensees.

Motion, DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill, and motion carried, to have a Board Meeting on January 12, 2004.

Motion DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill, and motion carried, to add the Application for Inactive Status to the website.

Motion, K. Hill, seconded DeChicchis, amended by W. Hill, and motion carried, that of the 300 clinical clock hours that is required for students to get ASHA certification, a minimum of 25 clock hours must be with adults and a minimum of 25 clock hours must be with children.

Motion, K. Hill, and seconded DeChicchis, and motion carried, that phonetics will count toward requirements for licensure under developmental and diagnostic categories for non- ASHA accredited institutions.

Motion, K. Hill, and seconded DeChicchis, and motion carried, that once an applicant has obtained their ASHA C's while getting their PCE, they can be issued a permanent license before completing the PCE.

RULES REVISIONS DISCUSSION

The following Rules were postponed for discussion to the November 24, 2003 Board Meeting.

Rule 609-6-.01(a)	Application for Registration.
Rule 609-6-.01(d)(2)	Duties and Authorizations.
Rule 609-6-.01(b)(2)(iii)	Board Receipt of Verification.
Rule 609-8	Renewals and reinstatements.

The following Rules were postponed for discussion to the December 15, 2003 Board Meeting.

Rule 609-2	Application Process.
Rule 609-3	Requirements for Licensure.

The Board discussed and approved proposed language changes to the following rules and once the Assistant Attorney General, Janet Wray, reviews and approves the changes, Board will add rules to its list of rules revisions for future posting.

Rule 609-6-.01(a)	Speech-Language Pathology Aides.
Rule 609-6-.01(b)(2)(iii)	Board Receipt of Verification.
Rule 609-6-.01(d)(2)	Duties and Authorizations.

APPLICATIONS

Motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill, and motion carried, to accept the recommendations on applications.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tara Friedman Denied

ENDORSEMENT

Sarah Armstrong	Approved	Elizabeth Nechmad	Approved
Tara Cryer	Approved	Carolyn O'Halloran	Denied
Jennifer Klarin	Approved	Judy Pankratz	Denied
Stephanie Lewis	Pending	Erin Vance	Approved

ASHA

Susan Cline	Approved	Zia Kain	Approved
Lisa Feinberg	Approved	Katrina Kovack	Approved
Hallie Hart	Approved	Debra Torres	Denied
Stephanie Horn	Approved		

REINSTATMENT

Susan Buhmann	Approved	Jennie Middlemas	Approved
Eva Campbell	Approved	Danielle Pettys-Moore	Approved
Susy Findley	Approved	Jana Rodgers	Approved
Michelle LaBonne	Pending	Amy Struble	Approved
Melinda Lowe	Approved	Sharon Walters	Approved

EXAMS/PCE

Keisha Banks	Approved	Nicole Moore	Approved
Skye Bessier	Approved	Jennifer Pace	Approved
Christy Blackshear	Approved	Monica Peters	Pending
Amy Cooper	Approved	Arelice Roman	Approved
Jennifer Elder	Approved	Melinda Rowe	Approved
Paige Ferguson	Approved	Anne Scheve	Approved
Jessica Gordon	Approved	Tawny Small	Approved
Melinda Hall	Approved	Stacey Solomon	Denied
Susan Heller	Approved	Lori Swilley	Approved
Melissa Maxwell	Approved	Kristin Vrieswyk	Approved
Keli McMullen	Approved	Laurie Weiss	Approved
Christina Meredith	Pending	Christopher Zane	Approved

CEU PROVIDER

Miracle Ear- Sonus	Denied
The Patient-Centered Approach	
Start with End in Mind	
Developing a Process	
Role Play	

REACTIVATE LICENSE

Laura Geonne	Approved
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COGNIZANT'S REPORT

SLPA040010	Investigative Committee interviewed applicant. Applicant signed Private Consent Order with the following conditions: \$500.00 fine to be paid within sixty days and two additional CEU's in the area of ethics to be obtained within one year of signed consent order.
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INVESTIGATIONS

Motion DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill and motion carried to accept signed Private Consent Order for M.C.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Yvonne McNeill, Chair
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
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